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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

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1. WE ARE AWARE OF NO TRAVEL PLANS INVOLVING MINTOFF IN
EARLY TO MID-SEPTEMBER THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH HABIB
VISIT HERE ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11-12. HE IS, HOWEVER, QUITE
CAPABLE OF LEAVING THE ISLAND ON SHORT NOTICE. THAT
INCLUDES POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO JAPAN OR CHINA OR BOTH,
TALKED OF FOR SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OR LATER, THOUGH NO
SUCH TRIP YET SCHEDULED TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

2. OUR ONLY RESERVATION ON SEPTEMBER TIME FRAME RELATES
TO CURRENT LABOR UNREST IN MALTA (REFTELS), WITH ITS ATTENDANT
DOMESTIC POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS. HOPEFULLY SITUATION
WILL HAVE SUFFICIENTLY SETTLED DOWN BY SEPTEMBER SO THAT
THIS WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON VISIT. BUT IF IT DOES NOT,
ANY HIGH LEVEL US VISIT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED OR USED POLITICALLY
AND TO OUR DISADVANTAGE BY MINTOFF. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST
THAT MALTA STOP BE INCLUDED IN PRESENT PLANNING FOR
HABIB ITINERARY IN SEPTEMBER BUT THAT DEFINITIVE
DECISION BE DEFERRED UNTIL WE SEE HOW LABOR SITUATION
DEVELOPS OVER NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. LAINGEN
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